



**BLAINE TO CELEBRATE
HOUSTON'S VISIT**

Blaine, Washington, famous for its Fourth-of-July celebrations, has designated July third as Navy day. The celebration is being put on by the American Legion and Auxiliary with the help of the citizens of the town.

The committee in charge is arranging dances, ball games and sports of all kinds. In addition to this there is to be a carnival in town. Birch Bay, six miles to the southwest, furnishes bathing, a nine hole golf course and other attractions.

Blaine is the north-west outpost of the United States. Here is located the World famous Peace Arch, the only such monument in the world. The city is situated on the Canadian border, in fact it is but a few yards from the city limits on the north to the international border. Just over the border is the wonderful Semiahmoo eighteen hole golf course where entertainment is provided for those who desire it.

Vancouver, Canada is but 30 miles to the north and transportation facilities are available some ten times each day.



WHY A SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

When errors of omission or commission are committed by members of the Supply Department personnel, the younger men are prone to remark, "What good is the supply department anyway?"

The primary motive of this department is service to the other departments. It is admitted that each department could be, and has been in earlier days, self-sustaining. However, in order to obtain and maintain

**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYMENT
U. S. S. HOUSTON**

For First Quarter, 1936.

- 29 June to 2 July.
Enroute Blaine, Wash.
- 3 to 7 July.
At anchor Blaine, Wash.
- 8 to 12 July.
Tactics.
- 13 to 15 July.
At anchor, Seattle, Wash.
- 16 to 21 July.
Enroute and visiting Alaskan ports.
- 22 to 31 July.
Visit Alaskan ports. July 21-23 at Valdez; July 23-25 at Seward; July 25-27 enroute Yakutat Bay; July 27-29 at Yakutat Bay; July 27-1 Aug. enroute Seattle, Wash.
- 1 to 4 August.
Puget Sound Area.
- 5 to 8 August.
Tactics enroute San Pedro, Calif.
- 8 to 9 August.
Enroute San Pedro, Calif.
- 10 August to 1 September.
Alongside Vestal at San Pedro. Upkeep.
- 3 to 6 September.
Gunnery based on San Clemente. Train for S.R.B.P.
- 6 to 8 September.
Receive ammunition from U.S.S. NITRO at San Pedro.
- 8 to 15 September.
Train and fire S.R.B.P.—Base on San Clemente.
- 16 to 30 September.
Upkeep—Base on San Pedro.

**CAPTAIN WOODSON TURNS OVER
COMMAND TO CAPTAIN BAKER**

Tuesday morning with the crew assembled on the fantail Captain Woodson formally turned over his command to his successor, Captain Baker.

At 0900 Captain Baker left the ship to formally report for duty to Cincus. After his return, he and Captain held a personnel inspection of the crew. This inspection was followed by a general muster and parade of the crew on the fantail at which time Captain Woodson delivered a short farewell address, read a copy of his and Captain Baker's orders and finally turned over his command to his successor. After lunch the crew was exercised at General Quarters and emergency drills.

Captain Woodson's appreciation to the crew of the Houston and his deep regret in leaving the ship is best shown by his own words. "SHIP-MATES! I am now ending the happiest cruise of my life--A cruise that is ending all too soon. It has been a joy to serve you. I thank you for your loyalty and for your efficiency, but most of all for your cheerful smiles.

I leave you with a heavy heart, and I bespeak for my successor, Captain Baker, who comes from my home town' and who is a "Hill Billy" like I am, the same loyal support you have shown me.

Keep the good ship Houston on top!" The crew and officers regretted seeing Captain Woodson leave just as much, if not more, as he regretted leaving us and we wish him many more cruises in his new assignments. Good luck, Captain Woodson!

To Captain Baker welcome, and we hope that we will be able to make your new tour of duty pleasant and profitable.